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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers



OF THE

TOWN OF

CHATHAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE



For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31 st

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LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

with Courtly Public Lities ! WILLIS C. BRYANT RICHARD F. CHANDLER HENRY R. HARVEY

Treasurer WELLINGTON P. CHANDLER

> Town Clerk OLIN R. HANSCOM

Tax Collector MADISON O. CHARLES

> Highway Surveyor GUY M. CROUSE

Supervisors of Check List

CHARLES S. CHANDLER HARRY C. BEMIS LOUVILLE R. EMERSON

> Constable M. O. CHARLES

> > Auditors

GLENORA HANSCOM

ETHEL BRYANT

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Real estate, resident, Personal, resident,	\$120,665.00 23,685.00 \$144,350.00
Resident exempt, \$2,430.00. Real estate, non-resident, Personal, non-resident,	\$154,369.00 6,009.00 \$160,378.00
Total valuation,	\$304,728.00
PERSONAL PROPERTY	TAXED, RESIDENT
73 horses,	\$6,265.00
54 neat stock,	1,275.00
158 cows,	5,965.00
12 oxen,	625.00
21 sheep,	97.00
190 fowl,	190.00
Machinery,	100.00
Money,	9,174.00
	\$23,685.00

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXED NON-RESIDENT

2 horses,	\$150.00	
4 neat stock,	140.00	
5 cows,	255.00	
2 oxen,	120.00	
Boards,	5,344.00	
		\$6,009.00
Total,	-	\$29,694.00

Tax rate, .018 per \$1.00.		
Resident assessment, less polls,	\$2,554.56	
Non-resident assessment,	2,886.80	
Poll tax @ \$3 per poll, 1,	3.00	
Poll tax @ \$5 per poll, 108,	540.00	
		\$5,984.36

APPROPRIATIONS

State tax,	\$ 585.00	
County tax,	530.07	
Expense of town,	1,500.00	
School appropriation,	3,030.83	
Per capita tax,	92.00	
Overlay,	246.46	
		\$5,984.36

SALARIES, TOWN OFFICERS

M. O. Charles, collecting tax, 1921,	\$47.60	
M. O. Charles, part collecting tax, 1922,	60.00	
Olin R. Hanscom, town clerk,	18.00	
Olin R. Hanscom, permits for automobiles,	7.50	
Willis C. Bryant, selectman,	50.00	
Richard F. Chandler, selectman,	28.00	
Henry R. Harvey, selectman,	20.00	
Willis C. Bryant, supervisor of checklist,	10.00	
Chas. S. Chand'er, supervisor of check list,	5.00	
Harry C. Bemis, supervisor of check list,	5.00	
Wellington P. Chandler, treasurer,	20.00	
		\$271.10

EXPENSE OF REVALUING

James Welch, estimating, Henry Harvey, Willis Bryant,	$$155.00 \\ 28.47 \\ 45.00$
Richard Chandler and use of car, Seth Hanscom, showing land,	$28.50 \\ 1.50$
Fred Charles, showing land,	1.50
Loren Eastman, showing land, Seth Webb, showing land,	$\frac{3.00}{3.00}$
Perley Head, showing land,	6.00
Albert Eastman, showing land, Rilla Webb, board James Welch,	$1.50 \\ 1.50$
Ethel Bryant, board James Welch,	18.00
Willis Bryant, car fare to Concord and Henry Harvey, car fare to Concord and	

\$310.05

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS

Fox Brothers, 5 M clear shingles,	\$32.00
Arthur Pickering, shingling,	3.33
Henry Harvey, shingling,	3.33
Willis Bryant, chalk and nails,	1.00
Willis Bryant, plow point,	8.27
Seth Hanscom, watering trough,	$\frac{8.27}{3.00}$

\$50.93

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIS C. BRYANT,
RICHARD F. CHANDLER,
HENRY R. HARVEY,

Selectmen of Chatham.

FINANCIAL REPORT

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

WILLIS C. BRYANT, RICHARD F. CHANDLER, HENRY R. HARVEY,

Selectmen of Chatham. WELLINGTON P. CHANDLER.

Treasurer.

January 31, 1923.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$446.99
Due from State:	
Joint highway accounts, unexpended	
balances in State treasury,	198.40
Bounty on wild animals,	52.40
Taxes not collected, levy of 1922,	724.85
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Total assets,

\$1,422.64

LIABILITIES

Orders outstanding, \$ 14.00
Due to school districts:
Dog licenses, 24.00
High school tuition, 385.00

State and town joint highway accounts:
Unexpended balance in State Treasury, 198.40

Repairs and salary of officers.

Total liabilities, \$1,175.00
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus), 247.64

Unexpended balance in Town Treasury, 173.60

Total \$1,422.64

380.00

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue

From Local Taxes:

Property taxes committed to collector, 1922, \$5,441.36

Less discounts and abatements,

1922, 5,428.16

Less uncollected, 1922, 4,703.31

Property taxes, current year, actually collected, \$4,703.31

Poll taxes, current year, actually col-

lected, 1 @ \$3,

Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, 104 @ \$5, 520.00

Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected, 390.88

Total, \$5,617.19

\$12.11

\$247.90 401.13 25.27 368.35 59.20 24.00 20.00 322.66 106.67 554.33	\$2,129.51
:	\$7,746.70 702.68
	\$8,449.38
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553.83 1,021.80	
\$944.76	
554.33	
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Total Indebtedness Payments,

Payments to Other Go	overnmental Divisions:
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Taxes paid to County,	530.07
Payments to school districts,	2,357.83
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Total Payments to Other	Gov-
ernmental Divisions,	\$3,472.90
Paid State for poll taxes,	208.00
•	
Total Payments for all Purp	poses, \$8,002.39

Cash on hand January 31, 1923, 446.99

Grand Total, \$8,449.38

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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION

Town Hall, land and buildings,	\$1,600.00
Furniture and equipment,	100.00
Highway Dept., road machine,	50.00
Three snow rollers,	300.00
	\$2,050.00

ORDERS DRAWN FOR TOWN MAINTENANCE

Breaking snow after February 1, 1922

Perley Head, hauling and housing roller,	\$36.00	
Olin Hanscom, three trips on roller,	18.00	
Louville Emerson, three trips on roller,	18.00	
W. A. Stone, three trips on roller, and		
housing,	20.00	
Charles Chandler, three trips on roller,	18.00	
W. P. Chandler, three trips on roller,	18.00	
Merton Young, three trips on roller,	18.00	
Dana Weeks, three trips on roller and		
shoveling,	19.00	
Herbert Andrews, breaking road,	5.00	
Henry Harvey, shoveling one-half day,	1.50	
Everett Eastman, shoveling, one-half day,	1.50	
Willis Bryant, shoveling, one-half day,	1.50	
		\$174.50

SUMMER

Guy Crouse,	\$103.88	
W. P. Chandler,	34.35	
Fred Charles,	63.02	
Fred Garland,	8.67	
M. O. Charles,	3.00	
Simeon Charles,	1.34	
Louville Emerson,	3.67	
Frank Harriman,	5.67	
Seth Webb,	17.34	
Bert Stiles,	20.02	1
Henry Stiles.	8.33	
Lucien Stiles,	12.33	
E. H. Johnson,	6.00	
L. A. Števens, 4,000 ft. bridge plank,	140.00	
Frank E. Kennett, 1,100 ft. stringers,	8.80	
Dean Charles,	1.67	
Merton Charles,	12.54	
Willis Bryant,	9.50	
Henry Harvey,	3.00	
M. B. Crouse,	15.00	
E. S. Lang, housing road machine,	4.00	
F. P. Bickford, spikes,	1.17	
A. F. Guptill, blacksmith work,	1.00	
Albert Wiley,	2.00	
•		\$486.30

BREAKING SNOW

Guy M. Crouse, 6½ trips on roller,	\$39.00	
Olin Hanscom, 6½ trips on roller,	39.00	
Albert Wiley, 6½ trips on roller,	39.00	
Dana Weeks, 6 trips on roller,	36.00	
Bert Stiles, 6 trips on roller,	36.00	
George Hill, 6 trips on roller,	36.00	
Fred Charles, 6½ trips on roller,	78.00	
W. P. Chandler, 6½ trips on roller,	39.00	
Merton Young, 11/2 trips on roller,	9.00	
Henry Harvey, self and horses on roller,	4.00	
Dean Charles, shoveling,	3.00	
Herbert Andrews, shoveling,	3.00	
		\$361.00

Total,

\$1,021.80

GUY M. CROUSE, Road Agent.

ORDERS DRAWN FOR STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Guy Crouse, W. P. Chandler, Fred F. Charles, M. O. Charles, Fred Lusky, Charles Lusky, Louville Emerson, Frank Harriman, Fred Garland, Bert Stiles, Lucien Stiles, Dean Charles, L. A. Stevens, 1,000 ft 2-6 railing,	\$35.00	\$190.00 14.00 19.00 5.33 6.00 6.00 27.67 17.34 31.00 72.66 39.84 1.00	
M. B. Crouse, C. T. Stiles, Merton Charles, H. L. Hutchins, 35 lbs. spikes, Albert Wiley, Arthur Andrews, hauling culvert, Rodney Crouse, E. S. Lang, painting railing, Willis Bryant, laying pipe, Henry Harvey, laying pipe, George Hill, 76 posts at 15c,	5.50	40.50 27.35 2.00 5.00 1.75 18.00 2.00 5.99 4.00 3.00 3.00 11.40	\$553.83

GUY M. CROUSE,

Patrolman.

ORDERS DRAWN

STATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Gordon Wiles, 10 days, 4 hours,	\$31.33
Fred Pickering, 11 days, 4 hours,	34.33
Arthur Pickering, 19 days, 3 hours,	58.00
Carroll Penley, 11 days,	33.00
Henry Harvey, 22 days, and use of car,	68.01
Merton Charles, 18 days, 8 hours,	56.66
Walter Lewis, use of drills,	1.00

Lloyd Stevens, sawing and delivering raili	ngs. 3.00	
Lucien Stiles, 17 days, 5 hours,	52.67	•
Bert Stiles, 10 days, 4 hours, self; 8 days, 4		
hours, horses,	56.66	
George Hill, 17 days, 5 hours, horses,	52.67	
George Emerson, 10 days,	30.00	
Harry Bemis, split stone,	10.00	
Mrs. Seth Webb, 17 loads gravel at 10,		
spruce for railings,	20.40	
Dana Weeks, 16 days, 4½ hours, self; 12	20.10	
days, 4½ hours, horses.	87.00	
Fred Charles, 21 days, 4 hours, self and	01.00	
horses.	128.67	
Willis Bryant, 26 days,	91.00	
Willis Bryant, cash paid as per bill,	.25	
Edwin Johnson, 12 days, 4 hours,	37.33	
Henry Harvey, laying pipe,	3.00	
Arthur Andrews, hauling pipe,	2.50	
Engineering,	50.41	
One culvert,	36.87	
One curvert,	30.01	
Total,		\$944.76
Balance in State treasury,	\$ 93.41	·
Balance in Town treasury,	74.73	
Appropriated by State,	395.00	
Appropriated by Town,	316.50	
	\$879.64	
Overdrawn,	65.12	
•		\$944.76

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

I hereby submit the following report of dog licenses for the year beginning May 1, 1922, and ending May 1, 1923.

Tax collected on eight (8) male dogs, \$16.00

Tax collected on two (2) female dogs, 10.00

\$26.00

Less license fee, 2.00

Amount paid to Wellington P. Chandler, treasurer,

OLIN R. HANSCOM,

Town Clerk.

\$24.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For automobile permits issued during the year 1922: Number of permits issued, thirty; amount received for thirty permits, \$322.66. The above amount has been paid to Weilington P. Chandler, treasurer.

OLIN R. HANSCOM,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Chatham:

This is my fourth annual report of the condition of the schools of Chatham, and I trust that you will all agree that the schools have improved during the four years. We now have 36 weeks of school each year. We have an adequate and carefully chosen supply of text books, also all of the scholars' supplies that are needed. We have well trained teachers who are working constantly to help their pupils, and improve the schools. The schools are graded and following the work prescribed by the State Program of Studies.

There were 40 pupils in all, 12 at North Chatham, 12 at the Center, and 16 at Green Hill. It is probable that the number of pupils at Green Hill will be considerably larger, and that the pupils from Conway will have to attend school in that town.

Some have thought that a school should be opened at the Eastman schoolhouse, but if that is done one of the other schools should be closed. There are but 24 pupils attending school at the Center and North Chatham, and to make three schools wou'd reduce the schools to such small numbers that the pupils and teachers would lose interest. The town is now receiving \$1944.25 from the State. This generous sum is granted on the presumption that the money will be used wisely and economically, and this is the limit

that can be expected from the State. If another school is opened, it means that the town will have to bear the added expense. The State Commissioner does not approve of schools of less than 12 pupils, unless it is absolutely necessary. It now costs about \$80.00 per pupil to school him in Chatham, while it costs less than \$40.00 to run a school of 40 pupils, although the teachers are paid more than the teachers receive in Chatham.

The school Board has the authority to locate the schools. It is of personal interest to the superintendent where the schools are located, but I have tried to advise what I believe to be best.

Unless it is decided to open the Eastman school, the expense for repairs will be small for the next year. But some provision should be made every year.

Thanking you all for your help, and cordial treatment, I

am,

Respectfully yours,

L. M. FELCH.

Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ending June 30, 1922.

RECEIPTS

State aid,	\$1,944.25
Deficiency appropriation,	368.00
From the Town, \$5.00 tax,	1,202.83
Salaries, District Officers,	75.00
Dog licenses,	39.70
Elementary school tuitions,	266.00
High school tuition voted 1921,	180.00
Deficiency, high school tuition,	95.00
Per capita tax,	98.00
Repairs and remodeling,	500.00
Total,	\$4,768.78
Balance, July 1, 1921,	162.00
	\$4,930.78

EXPENDITURES

District Officers,	\$ 75.00	1
Superintendent's excess salary,	42.86	
School census,	6.00	
Expenses of administration,	19.32	
Teachers' salaries,	2,132.00	
Text books,	45.48	
Scholars' supplies,	45.29	
Other expenses of instruction,	1.43	
Janitor service,	42.50	
Fuel,	86.00	
Janitor supplies,	.65	
Minor repairs and expense,	58.06	- :
Transportation of pupils,	758.80	•
High school tuition,	275.00	
Alteration of old buildings,	679.29	
Payment of bills from previous year,	500.00	
Per capita tax to the State,	98.00	
D. I	\$4,865.	
Balance on hand, June 30,	65.	00
	\$4,930.	78

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Chapter 57, Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 60, Laws of 1921, and upon blanks prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

ETHEL BRYANT,
School District Auditor.

PEARL BEMIS,
Chairman School Board.

L. M. FELCH,
Superintendent.

Date, July 13, 1922.

REPAIRS FOR THE YEAR 1922-23.

H. L. Hutchens, material,	\$ 37.85
Hutchins & Webb, material,	19.07
Willis Bryant, labor, team and cash paid,	84.84
Herbert Hodgdon, material,	10.60
Olin Hanscom, work,	67.50
Henry Harvey, work,	76.00
Guy Crouse,	18.00
Mark Crouse,	9.00
Loren Eastman,	62.00
Albert Wiley,	12.00
C. E. Fox, lumber,	303.69
L. A. Stevens, lumber,	76.30

Total.

\$776.85

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

Assessment for 1922,	\$5,984.36
Cash in treasury,	702.68
Due from Collector for 1921,	390.88
Bounties on wild animals,	59.20
Automobile tax,	322.66
From U. S. treasury for fighting fires,	149.50
From State treasury for fighting fires,	218.85
Appropriation for Robbins Hill Road,	462.83
Appropriation for Basin Road,	91.50
Highway Department, State Aid,	649.03
Forest Reserve distribution,	106.67
Dog tax,	24.00
Savings Bank tax,	25.27
Received of Selectmen for boards sold,	4.50
Interest on deposits (U. S. Trust Co.),	20.00
	\$9.21

---\$9,211.93

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Paid by orders of Selectmen,	\$8,014.82
Paid balance of State tax,	25.27
Due from Collector,	724.85
Cash in treasury,	446.99
•	\$9,211.93

Respectfully submitted,
WELLINGTON P. CHANDLER,

January 31, 1923.

Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have looked over the books of Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them correct according to our knowledge and belief.

ETHEL BRYANT,
GLENORA HANSCOM.

Date of Death 1922	Place of Death	Name of the of Fath	Maiden Name er of Mother
Mar. 22 Apr. 16 Aug. 1 Aug. 15	No. Chatham No. Chatham No. Chatham So. Chatham	Abbie Ethy Bean Ada ThdGordon Mary Gam Gordo Seth Werd Webb	Mary Ann Heath Mary D. Webb n Mary Wiley
Nov. 18 Nov. 27 1923 Jan. 4	So. Chatham So. Chatham Chatham	James & Weeks Zilphia has Pingre Williameis Abbott	

ief. ANSCOM, Town Clerk.

Date of Birth Birthplace Birthplace ther of Mother Nov. 9 So. Chath Dec. 4 So. Chath dom Conway

belief. 'own Clerk.

Date 1922	Place	Names Groom and		What Marriage	By whom married
Oct. 20	Fryeburg, Me.		mer sekeeper	1st	Edward W. Wild,
		Augusta Lusky	er sekeeper	1st	Clergyman. Fryeburg, Me.
Dec. 15	Fryeburg, Me.	Hermon Charle	chinist isewife	1st	Edward W. Wild Clergyman.
		Marion Elizabe		1st	Fryeburg, Me.

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R. HANSCOM, Town Clerk.

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January 31, 1923.

Treasurer.

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ETHEL BRYANT,
GLENORA HANSCOM.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHATHAM, N. H.

For The Year Ending January 3I, 1923.

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Date of Death 1922	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	V	Age	Davs	Place of Birth				dition Single, Marrie	d _	Place of	Birth		Maiden Name
				mua		DITTO	maie F	emale	Color	or Widowed	Occupation	Father	Mother	Name of Father	of Mother
Aug. 1 Aug. 15 Nov. 18	No. Chatham No. Chatham So. Chatham So. Chatham	Abbie E. Grace Ada Thomas Mary G. Chandler Seth Webb James Madison Weeks	69 71 71 65 80	1 3 9	11 17 24	Conway So, Chathani Sweden, Me. Chathain Fryeburg, Me.	M	F F	W W W		Housekeeper Farmer	Windham, Me.	So. Chatham	Timothy Bean John Gordon William Gordon Edward Webb	Mary Ann Heath
Nov. 27 1923	So. Chatham	Zilphia M. Anderson	SO	8	6	Denmark, Mc.		F	W	Widowed	Farmer Housekeeper	Parsonsfield, Mc. Unknown	Unknown	James Weeks Thomas Pingree	Lois Ballard Louisa C. Dresser
Jan. 4	Chatham	William H. Abbott	65	6	15	Unknown	М		W	Married	Farmer	Unknown	Unknown	Francis Abbott	Irene Pike

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

OLIN R. HANSCOM, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHATHAM, N. H.

For The Year Ending January 31, 1923.

Date of Birth 1922	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Male	-	nd Condit Living or Stillborn	No of		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Nov. 9 Dec. 4	So. Chatham So. Chatham	Rose Emma Perley R. Head	M	F	Living Living	1st 6th	W	Alfred LeDuc Perley R. Head	Amy Hill Mary Beaudoin	White	So. Chatham			
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MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHATHAM, N. H.

For The Year Ending January 31, 1923.

Date 1922	Place	Names of Groom and Bride	Reaidence at time of marriage	Age	Color G	Occupation of froom and Bride	Place of Birth	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	What	By whom married
Oct. 20	Fryeburg, Mc.	Guy F. Heald	Stow, Mc.	19	White	Farmer	Stow. Mr.	Ezra Heald	Lovell, Me.	Farmer		
		Augusta Lusky	Chatham	21	White	Housekeeper	New York City	Carrie Pottle Charles Lusky	Barka a/w Germany	Housekeeper	1st 1st	Edward W. Wild, Clergyman, Fryeburg, Mc.
Dec. 15	Fryeburg, Mc.	Hermon Charles Heald	Fryeburg, Me.	23	White	Laborer	Fryeburg, Mc.	Calvin S. Heald	Lovell, Mc.	Machinist	1st	Edward W. Wild
		Marion Elizabeth Charles	Chatham	19	White	Student	Chatham	Elizaheth Charles Fred F. Charles Amy Chandler	Sweden, Me. Frychurg, Me. Chatham	Housewife Farmer Housewife	1st	Clergyman. Fryeburg, Me.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

OLIN R. HANSCOM, Town Clerk.











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